

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 11, 2010, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3 and 5-8 are pending in this application, where claims 1 and 7 are independent.

By means of the present amendment, FIG 5a has been amended to clarify that there are no conductive paths across the two legs between the power source 30 and the motor 16, in conformance with the specification, such as page 4, lines 26-26. A replacement sheet including FIG 5a is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests approval of the enclosed proposed drawing changes.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3 and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicant respectfully disagrees and submits that the Application fully complies with the enablement requirement. It is respectfully submitted that the application clearly sets out that, such as from page 4, line 26 to page 5, line

5 of the specification (illustrative emphasis provided):

When the operating member 8 is in the position shown in Figure 5a, a first pole of the power source 30 is connected via the conductors 32, 36 and **34** to a first electrical contact of the motor 16, while the other, second pole of the power source 30 is connected via the conductors 33, 36 and **35** to the other, second electrical contact of the motor 16.

Sliding the operating member 8 in the direction indicated by arrow E in Figure 5a brings the operating member 8 into the position shown in Fig. 5b. In this position of the operating member, the first pole of the power source 30 is connected via the conductors 32, 36 and **35** to the second electrical contact of the motor 16, while the other, second pole of the power source 30 is connected via the conductors 33, 36 and **34** to the first electrical contact of the motor 16. Sliding the operating member 8 in the direction indicated by arrow F in Fig. 5b moves the operating member 8 into the position shown in Fig. 5a. The directions E and F indicated in Figs. 5a and 5b correspond to the directions A indicated in Fig. 3. Thus the reversing means for reversing the sense of rotation of the motor 16 are integrated in the operating member 8 for putting the trimmer into and out of operation.

It is respectfully submitted that one skilled in the art, as also recognized by the Examiner, would recognize that the original FIG 5a does not clearly show it's description in the specification, where it is clear from the specification, e.g., as noted in the above specification portion, that the motor 18 is reversed by reversing polarity provided from the power source 30, without

having any crossovers in FIG 5a. Otherwise, one skilled in the art, as also recognized by the Examiner, would recognize that the motor would not operate properly when there is any cross over connection in FIG 5a. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection of claims 1, 3 and 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-3, 5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 3,213,536 (Futterer) and in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,701,673 (Ullmann). Further, claims 1-3 and 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Futterer in view of Ullmann and U.S. Patent No. 4,355,464 (Bergsma). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3 and 5-8 are patentable over Futterer, Ullmann and Bergsma for at least the following reasons.

Futterer is directed to dry shaver having two cutters. A drive shaft 1 is selectively rotated in either direction. The shaft is rotatable in one direction for driving the first cutter (for short hair cutting) and is rotatable in the opposite direction for driving the second cutter (for long hair cutting). As recited on 3, lines 29-44 and line 75, upon or in response to reversing the rotation direction of the drive shaft 1, via a reversing switch 28,

either the first or second cutters are is driven. That is, driving the first or the second cutters is achieved by "rocking the switch 28 in the opposite switching position." (Futterer, column 4, lines 21-22)

Ullmann is directed to a dry shaving apparatus having a switch 4 with four positions, namely, a first OFF position as shown in FIG 2a, a first ON position as shown in FIG 3a, a second ON position as shown in FIG 4a, and a second OFF position as shown in FIG 5a, where the trimmer 7 is de-activated but remains in the extended position P shown in FIGs 1 and 4a. Ullmann is completely silent about and reversing device configured to reverse the drive direction.

It is respectfully submitted that the Futterer and Ullmann, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest the present invention as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claim 7 which, amongst other patentable elements, recites (illustrative emphasis provided):

wherein the reversing means co-operate with the trimmer for reversing said sense of rotation in response to an action of putting said trimmer into and out of an operation position.

Reversing the rotation sense in response to putting the

trimmer into and out of an operation position is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Futterer, Ullmann and combination thereof. Rather, Futterer discloses driving the first or the second cutters in response to moving the switch 28 in the opposite switching position, as specifically recited on column 4, lines 21-22.

Further, at best, the combination Futterer and Ullmann discloses a shaver having a switch with various positions, where power is applied to the trimmer in one switch position, and polarity is reversed in another switch position. A reversing device which is integrated in a switch so that the rotation sense is automatically reversed by putting the trimmer into and out of the operation position is nowhere disclosed or suggested in Futterer and Ullmann, alone or in combination. Bergsma is cited to allegedly show other features and does not remedy the deficiencies in Futterer and Ullmann.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that independent claims 1 and 7 be allowed. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claim 3, 5-6 and 8 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1 and 7, as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the

claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.


For example, it is respectfully submitted that Futterer, Ullmann, Bergsma, and combinations thereof do not disclose or suggest "wherein the portion of the drive structure rotates in the first sense to drive the at least one cutter when the trimmer is in a first operation position not engaging a trimmer moving member that moves, and wherein moving the trimmer into a second operation position for engaging the trimmer moving member reverses rotation of the portion of the drive structure to a second sense to stop driving the at least one cutter," as recited in claim 6.

(Illustrative emphasis provided)

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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